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One Elba woman dead; another faces murder charge

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Police Department responded Tuesday night, March 27, at approximately 8 p.m. to the report of a vehicle crash, involving a pedestrian, near the intersection of Farris Street and Kendrick Street in Elba [at the Kendrick Apartments entrance].



Tiera Burks was age 20 at the time of her death last week.

The victim, Tiera Burks, age 20, of Elba was transported by air ambulance to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan where she was treated but later died as a result of the injuries she had sustained. Elba Police Chief Freddy

Hanchey said the investigation into the crash revealed the victim had been in an altercation involving another individual, which seemingly led to the victim being struck by the offender's vehicle. Further investigation subsequently led to the arrest of Danae Ware, age 33, of Elba, and she was charged with murder.

Ware is currently in the Coffee County Jail with a \$75,000 bond set for the murder charge. She also has a \$500 cash bond on a failure to appear charge.

Burks was a 2016 graduate of Elba High School. Her funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon,



Danae Ware, age 33, is charged with murder in the death of Tiera Burks.

April 3, from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home in Elba.

Anyone having further information involving this incident is asked to contact the Elba Police Department at 334-897-2555.



This is the scene of the crime from last Tuesday night where a vehicle, allegedly driven by Danae Ware, struck the victim Tiera Burks during a reported altercation between the two women. This damaged property was a sign leading into the Kendrick Apartments area of Elba. Burks later died at a Dothan hospital from injuries she sustained. Ware currently is in the Coffee County Jail facing a murder charge.

New Brockton Council accepts resignation from chief of police

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although reluctant, the New Brockton Town Council accepted and approved the resignation of Police Chief Robert Seagle during the Monday evening, April 2, monthly meeting.

Mayor Kathy Holley said Seagle had decided to move on to 'greener pastures' when the matter came up during the meeting. The chief will be gone by the end of this week.

Seagle did, however, recommend an officer to be the interim chief of police for the town until the council is able to appoint a permanent chief to the position. He

said Officer Jimmy Duke would in his opinion be a terrific fit for the interim position.

Seagle said Duke had worked for quite some time with the town, and he already is over the command of the town's reserve officers.

Mayor Holley echoed Seagle's remarks about Officer Duke, and she said she too feels he can handle the job in the interim while the council searches for its next permanent appointment to the position.

Council member voted unanimously to appoint

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The DAV Chapter #99 of New Brockton presented a check for \$50 to the Town of New Brockton for its 'Beautification Committee' during Monday evening's town council meeting. Members said this is a great way for them to give back to the community. Shown above presenting the check to Mayor Kathy Holley (right) is DAV member Amos Donaldson.



Coffee County EMA deputy director Grant Lyons (right) conducts a safety briefing Monday morning, April 2, with all active participants prior to the active shooter exercise at Zion Chapel School. The planning for this exercise took several months from all agencies involved to ensure it would be handled in a safe but effective manner for success.

Active Shooter exercise conducted at Zion Chapel School

by Linda Hodge, Editor

On Monday, April 2, a functional exercise was held at Zion Chapel School in Coffee County simulating an active shooter entering campus.

This was held in conjunction with Coffee County EMA, the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, and Coffee County Schools.

"We have been planning this exercise since last fall, and have been meeting regularly since January," said Grant Lyons, deputy director for Coffee County EMA. "This is something Superintendent Terry Weeks and Safety Director Kevin Killingsworth (Coffee County Schools) have wanted to do in an effort to better prepare the schools in our county."

No students were on campus Monday as the Coffee County Schools had a Teacher In-Service day; therefore only teachers and



A Coffee County Schools SRO (School Resource Officer) arrives on scene for the active shooter exercise held Monday morning at Zion Chapel School. No students were on campus Monday when this exercise test was held simulating an active shooter entering campus.

staff were involved. Coffee County Schools superintendent Terry Weeks said Monday morning

following the exercise that the more administrators and law enforcement can do to better prepare the

schools for the safety of the students and faculty the better. He said that is what made Monday's training exercise so important.

"I want to thank all the agencies that took the time to plan this," Weeks said. "Drills like this...you have to really see to know what it's all about and areas to improve on. We're hoping to do that."

Weeks said he would like to see drills, just like the one completed Monday at Zion Chapel, done at each of the schools in the county.

"There are many moving pieces involved in planning an exercise like this," Lyons said. "It's something we take very seriously and hope it helps better prepare our responders as well as our school administrators, teachers and staff."

While Coffee County EMA could not disclose some information related to the exercise due to its sen-

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UPDATE:

According to Alabama State Troopers, the individual killed last Tuesday afternoon, March 27, in the fiery crash just outside the Elba city limits on Alabama Highway 189 S was Gerald Wade Hartley, age 45, of Montgomery, Ala. He was driving a 2004 Cadillac Deville at the time of the tragic accident.

The Elba Clipper reported on this tragic accident last week, but Hartley had not been identified at that time.

Area Happenings

THE 44TH PINEY WOODS ARTS FESTIVAL will be Saturday, April 7, and Sunday, April 8, on the running track at Enterprise State Community College. This is a fun family event. The event will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on April 7th and from 12 noon until 4 p.m. on April 8th.

THE GIVING GARDEN OF ELBA'S FARMERS MARKET AND SPRING PLANTING DAY will be Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. This will be at the corner of Putnam Street and Claxton Avenue [by the historic Folsom Home and Elba Chamber of Commerce].

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY BAND will present its 2018 concert at the Elba High School auditorium on Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m. The band will perform a wide selection of tunes. The concert is free and open to the public to attend.

DeAnn Cronk announces candidacy for Circuit Clerk

DeAnn Cronk announces her candidacy for Circuit Clerk of Coffee County in the June 5th Republican Primary Election.

A lifelong resident of Coffee County and a 1994 graduate of Elba High School, Cronk went to work in the Circuit Clerk's office in 1998 after graduating from MacArthur State Technical College with an Associate's

degree in accounting. Over the past 20 years, Cronk has been responsible for multiple divisions within the Circuit Clerk's Office and has been the supervisor of the Enterprise Division for the past eight years.

During that time she has accumulated 148 hours of continuing education through the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts.

"In the June 5th Primary

Election you won't just be voting for a candidate, you will be hiring the person who will manage the office that is the beating heart of the civil and criminal court system," said Cronk. "The Circuit Clerk serves as the courts' 'official record keeper' and business manager in all civil and criminal proceedings held in the District and Circuit Courts. Mistakes or lack of efficiency in the clerk's office can add weeks or months of inconvenience to the lives of citizens."

"Experience absolutely

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Of all possessions a friend is the most precious." – Herodotus (Greek historian) He is also credited with a real life truth statement that always haunts us - "In peace, sons bury their fathers. In war, fathers bury their sons."

Free-range parenting is now legal in Utah under a new law just passed by the legislature. Our readers from the senior generation can relate to the amusement (and surprise) that such has not been legal . . . forever. The folks in Utah finally realized that their children could never completely mature without being turned loose to experience things on their own and make mistakes. But now days the "do-gooders" try to charge parents with legal neglect if a child is seen walking, running or playing without an adult hovering around (helicopter parenting). Thinking back to our "free ranging" days we realize that Mother must have qualified to be put under the jail for allowing yours truly and that gaggle of sisters to roam the neighborhood, as long as we were back by mealtime and before nightfall. Our personal range was wherever that trusty bicycle would take us (between meals and dark). Later, after we moved to the farm (probably so they could assign more chores to a certain budding teenage boy) roaming hundreds of acres of woods alone for hours on end was often our Sunday afternoon – really free-ranging!

Those hours in the quiet outdoors were (and are) wonderful. Watching the clouds, the birds and squirrels play in the trees, the water snake easing along in a small creek, a rare scene of a deer feeding, etc., was so calming to the normal teenage uncertainty over what kind of life lay ahead.

One evening recently the TV was on and tuned to CNN. Each of us had our own thing going and paid very little attention to the tube. About three hours into the evening, we realized that it had been Donald Trump the whole time. Now those on the tube appeared to relish bashing *The Donald* and explaining exactly what he should be doing. Alas, after surfing the other channels and finding nothing worth watching, we hit the little red OFF button. Before going back to the crossword puzzle, book or whatever, we pondered the value of that on-and-on Trump talk. Frankly *The Donald* probably was not offended nor planned to make any reversal of tactics and/or actions as he got the most pleasure out of his name dominating the airways. That has been the one thing that got him where he is today, so why should he change success?

Easter Sunday was also April Fools Day. At first our reaction was "Oh no, not on the day Jesus arose from the tomb!" Then an editorial piece crossed our computer screen that put an entirely different light on that issue. This writer felt the two on the same day was entirely appropriate! The reason cited was that on the day Jesus arose the people didn't want to believe it could happen. Thus they were all "FOOLED". Chew on that one for a while and decide if you can personally accept the thought of Easter Sunday also being fools day.



Levee Repair underway

Carter Contracting Services of Andalusia is in the middle of a contract to repair the Elba levee. The are working under a contract with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Above Job Foreman Khori Johnson, of Panama City, FL is checking a crack in the concrete (along the outside of the levee - from top to bottom) that workers are in the process of cleaning, packing with special compounds and sealing. This is to prevent floodwaters (and rain) from eating between the slabs of concrete and compromising the levee's ability to withstand weather extremes.

The workers first dig out any loose trash, pour the highly toxic solution into the slots between the slabs of concrete and once this dries, they cover it with a sealer.

Company officials report the material being used is costly but the Corp of Engineers wants it done right. They add that this will be as solid in ten years as it is the day it is completed.

Alabama legislature wraps up a productive session

By Todd Stacy

The Alabama Legislature adjourned "sine die" Thursday, wrapping up legislative business for the year and this four-year term. What had been a relatively harmonious, drama-free session turned a little testy toward the end, as leaders in the House and Senate bickered over passing each other's bills. Senators felt like the House was taking too long to act on Senate legislation. House Members thought their pace was just fine, thank you very much, and took umbrage with Senators publicly criticizing them on the Senate floor. That's when the legislative gamesmanship began. Like two chess players clocking out after each move, the House and Senate spent much of the last 24 hours of the session taking turns recessing for short intervals to wait for the other body to catch up on its work. In the end, cooler heads prevailed and the Legislature completed its work with four days to spare. All the so-called "must-pass" bills managed to make it through by the end. "Must pass" generally refers to legislation that, if not acted upon, would cause a significant problem for state government and likely require a special session to fix. Bills fitting that description this year were both the General Fund and Education Trust Fund budgets; two Medicaid provider taxes for nursing homes and hospitals, without which the state's Medicaid system would face a debilitating shortfall; and legislation reauthorizing the State Pilotage Commission, which the State Port Authority depends on to operate. There were other high-profile bills that passed toward the very end as well. One of the most-watched bills of the session was HB317, the Alabama Jobs Enhancement Act, which seeks to prevent a potential pitfall facing state economic developers. The bill allows certain economic development professionals - site selectors for the likes of Hyundai and Toyota Mazda, as well as local chamber of commerce officials - to avoid registering as lobbyists to approach the Department of Commerce

about a potential project. State officials say requiring site selectors to register with the government and disclose their confidential clients will spook away industrial projects. Critics said the bill would create an unnecessary loophole in the state ethics code. In the end, lawmakers passed a bill that was significantly revised with input from public corruption prosecutors to address concerns about maintaining strict accountability. Lawmakers also passed a revised framework for sales and use taxes between local governments and online retailers. Back in 2015, Alabama created the Simplified Sellers Use Tax program to allow out-of-state retailers like Amazon to voluntarily remit sales taxes, which helps state and local governments avoid missing out on critical revenue. However, the law did not consider the legal implications of an out-of-state retailer acquiring businesses in state. Amazon recently bought Whole Foods, which has multiple locations in Alabama. Republican Sen. Trip Pittman and Democratic Rep. Rod Scott worked with the Alabama Department of Revenue, the retail industry and county and city officials to enact a fix that treats businesses and local governments fairly. Interestingly, one of the last bills passed in the session was the first one introduced. SB1, sponsored by Sen. Jim McClendon, closes a loophole in the state's drunken driving laws. It requires all those convicted of DUI to use an ignition interlock device. Alabama has required that since 2015, but offenders could avoid enforcement by going through a pretrial diversion program. McClendon's bill ends that.

A thorough rundown from the Associated Press of what legislation passed and what didn't is available online at www.ALDailyNews.com

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Mar. 26, investigated the following incidents: one harassment, one theft, one DHR report, one attempted murder, two for burglary, three for domestic violence, one shooting into an occupied building, two for criminal trespassing, one theft of property, one sodomy, one leaving the scene of an accident, and two for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Arrests made during the week included: two for failure to appear, one for theft of property, one for murder, and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: none recording.

MONDAY, MAR. 26 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1504 Edgewood (5:50 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a two-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 231 at Car City (9:17 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 327 County Rd. 436 (2:57 p.m.); Burglary of vehicles reported at Cook dealership (3:11 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 430 Davis St. E (4:24 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAR. 27 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1247 County Rd. 140 (7:19 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2826 County Rd. 201 (9:15 a.m.); Single vehicle wreck reported near 12087 Hwy. 189 with the vehicle fully engulfed in flames (12:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS and Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck near 12087 Hwy. 189 (12:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 130 County Rd. 107 (4:29 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs pedestrian) reported in front of Kendrick Apartments (8:01 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Kendrick Apartments to wreck scene (8:01 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to wreck scene at Kendrick Apartments (8:04 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 242 County Rd. 422 (10:17 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 28 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 282 County Rd. 407 (8:22 a.m.).

THURSDAY, MAR. 29 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 325 County Rd. 471 (9:39 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to

Beaver Dam Apartments (10:04 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 878 N. Claxton Ave. (12:24 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported beside the car wash next to Dorsey's (12:44 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 645 Reynolds St. (7:05 p.m.); Hit and run accident (vehicle hit pole) reported on Hickman Ave. (8:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2805 Taylor Mill Rd. (8:36 p.m.); Prowler reported in the back yard of a residence on Claxton Ave. (10:04 p.m.); Report of shots fired into road at 211 Adkinson (11:17 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAR. 30 – Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1013 Hickman Ave. (11:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 820 County Rd. 423 (2:45 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1047 Sunset Blvd. (3:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched 4341 Hwy. 141 (4:12 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1036 Hickman Ave. (7:26 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAR. 31 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba Gulf Travel Center (6:13 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1150 County Rd. 235 (1:46 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1220 Neil Grantham Dr. (9:55 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APR. 1 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 631 Jackson St. (10:43 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 314 County Rd. 263 (12:34 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire at County Rd. 365 off Taylor Mill Rd. (6:07 p.m.).

IRS warns of tricks to steal personal information

The Internal Revenue Service, state tax agencies and the tax community – partners in the Security Summit are marking "National Tax Security Awareness Week" with reminders to taxpayers and tax professionals.

The most common way for cybercriminals to steal bank account information, passwords, credit cards or Social Security numbers is to simply ask for them. Every day, people fall victim to phishing scams that cost them their time and their money. Those emails urgently warning users to update their online financial accounts – they're fake. That email directing users to download a document from a cloud-storage provider? Fake.

Phishing attacks use email or malicious websites to solicit personal, tax or financial information by posing as a trustworthy organization. A scam artist may take advantage of knowledge gained from online research and earlier attempts to masquerade as a legitimate source. Some phishing emails will appear to come from a business colleague, friend or relative.

When users see a phishing scam, . . . don't take the bait.

Landmark Park needs volunteers

National Volunteer Week is celebrated across the country, this week honors volunteers for their contributions to their communities and recognizes the impact of their time and energy throughout the year. Landmark Park benefits every year from the work of dedicated volunteers and

the board, staff and visitors greatly appreciate the efforts put forth by this group of people.

Landmark (Dothan) will honor National Volunteer Week by kicking off the revamped volunteer program at the park on April 22 at 2 p.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium.

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Governor Kay Ivey signs a proclamation in recognition of April being National Safe Digging Month. Alabama 811 encourages Alabama residents to contact 811 two working days before digging.

Alabama 811 celebrates National Safe Digging Month

This April marks the tenth annual National Safe Digging Month, reminding Alabama residents to always contact 811 at least two working days before any digging project.

National Safe Digging Month is formally recognized by the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate and has traditionally earned the support from nearly every state governor across the country. Alabama's Governor Kay Ivey has signed the proclamation noting April as Safe Digging Month in Alabama.

Every nine minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants contacting Alabama 811. Installing a mailbox, building a deck and planting a tree or garden are all examples of digging projects that should only begin a minimum of two working days after

contacting 811.

When calling 811, or placing online requests through the Web Portal or Mobile Application at www.al811.com, homeowners and contractors are connected to Alabama 811, a free service to the excavating community, which notifies member utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the request-digging site to mark the approximate locations of member underground lines with flags, paint or both. If there are utility owners in the area of excavation who do not participate as a member of Alabama 811, the excavator is responsible for contacting them on an individual basis.

"As April marks the traditional start of digging season, we are using this month to strongly encourage individuals and companies to contact 811 before they begin and digging project," said Annette Reburn, Executive Director, Alabama 811.

"By contacting 811 to have the underground utility lines in their area marked,

homeowners and professionals are making an important decision that can help keep them and their communities safe and connected."

The depth of utility lines can vary for a number of reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. Utility lines need to be properly marked because even when digging only a few inches, the risk of striking an underground utility line still exists.

Alabama 811 encourages area residents to visit www.al811.com for more information about digging safely.

County extension office to host hay production meet

The Coffee County Extension office will be hosting a hay production meeting on Thursday, April 26, from 5:30 until 8 p.m. at the Coffee County Extension office in New Brockton.

Alabama Cooperative Extension System specialists will be on hand to present on various topics of hay production and forage management including soil and nutrient management, forage quality, economics of hay production, as well as others.

A sponsored meal will be served, so make plans to attend by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

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Gary Smith

Board and numerous board affiliated with the electric cooperative program. He has also served on the Electric Power Research Institute and Business Council of Alabama boards of directors.

LBWCC's commencement includes spring and summer graduates from all campus locations. For more information, visit www.lbwcc.edu.

PowerSouth CEO to address LBWCC graduates on May 11

LBW Community College officials announce Gary Smith, PowerSouth CEO, as guest speaker for the 2018 commencement ceremony at 2 p.m., May 11, at the Kiwanis Community Center in Andalusia.

"We are excited to announce Mr. Smith's acceptance of the invitation to speak to our graduates this year," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. "He brings a wealth of experience to share as leader of one of the largest employers in this area. He is committed to education, the community, and economic development, and we welcome his remarks as our graduates begin a new chapter in their lives."

Smith took the helm of PowerSouth 18 years ago, after first serving as vice president of legal and corporate affairs, director of legal affairs, and staff attorney. Previous experience includes practicing law in Birmingham and working with Pemco Aeroplex. He earned a Juris Doctorate Degree from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in 1979, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in accounting and economics from the University of North Alabama in 1976.

Smith serves on the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

JIMMY L. CALHOUN

Mr. Jimmy L. Calhoun (Jim), age 75, died after succumbing to ALS in his home Wednesday, March 28, 2018, in Cantonment, Fla.

Jim was born on August 15, 1942 in Coffee County, Alabama where he met and married the love of his life, Nan, in 1962.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 31, 2018, at Faith Chapel Funeral Home North with Pastor Jerry Passmore officiating. Jim was laid to rest at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Alabama on Saturday afternoon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Gladys Calhoun; brother, Jerry Calhoun; and sister, Judy Ann Thomas.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years: Nan Calhoun, Cantonment; his children: Gregory Calhoun (Derenda), Panama City Beach, Fla., Suzy McCann (Keith), Cantonment; grandchildren: Nicole Calhoun, Peyton Calhoun and Patrick McHaney; siblings: Betty Sue Rogers, Elba, and Larry Calhoun, Pensacola, Fla.

NORMAN WADE BEAN

Mr. Norman Wade Bean, age 32, of Panama City Beach, Fla., formerly of Albany, Ga., died Sunday, March 18, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

Funeral services were held April 2, 2018 from First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Jason Steege and Rev. Anna Miller officiating.

Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215.

Mr. Bean was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather - Wade Mallory, paternal grandfather - Robert H. Bean; and paternal grandmother - Emma Baylor Bean.

Survivors include his father: Craig B. Bean, Panama City Beach; mother: Norma Mallory Bean, Panama City Beach; daughters: Alexis Rose Boyd, Grantville, Ga., Layla Marie Bean and Cadence Mae Bean, both of Panama City Beach; maternal grandmother: Doris Mallory, Elba; brother: Victor Bean, Albany, Ga.; sister: Kelly Bean Mitchell, Jacksonville, Fla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

OLLIE BELLE FARRIS

Mrs. Ollie Belle Farris, age 98, a lifelong resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, March 31, 2018, at her home.

Funeral services were held April 2, 2018 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Milford Johnson and Rev. Shane Thompson officiating. Burial followed in the New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Those wishing to make memorials are asked to do so to the New Haven Baptist Church in memory of Mrs. Farris.

Ms. Ollie was born October 6, 1919, in rural Coffee County. Ms. Ollie and Eugene Farris were married April 11, 1939, and together they raised Mr. Eugene's three youngest brothers and sister. Mr. Eugene farmed with Ms. Ollie by his side. She sold butter, eggs, and vegetables to supplement their income. After having four children of her own, she went to work for a local sewing factory where she worked for many years. Later, she was employed by Dr. John Kimmy, Coffee County Tax Assessor and Tax Collector, and Elba General Hospital. Ms. Ollie was known for her green thumb and her generosity in sharing her beautiful flowers for any occasion. She supplied fresh flowers for the church she served and loved for many years.

Mrs. Farris was preceded in death by her husband Eugene Farris, parents John C. and Connie Danford Thomas, daughter Glenda Weeks, grandson Bruce Parrish, granddaughter Candi Stokes, son-in-

law Joe Spurlin, daughter-in-law Jeanette Farris, her brothers James Thomas and Leroy Thomas, and her sisters Myrtle Bryan, Mavis Davis, Merle Haywood, and Frances Mims.

Survivors include her daughters: Jean Spurlin and Beth (Lamar) Henderson, both of Elba; son: Dawson (Frankie) Farris, Elba; grandchildren: Jan (Stan) Wicker, Denise Newman, Greg (Arlene) Oglesby, Michele Brown, Jason (Marsha) Farris, Byron Parrish, Gena (Hal) Waller, Kyle (Amy) DuBose, John (Catherine) DuBose, Heather (Dusty) Smith, Jep (Valerie) DuBose, Jerry DuBose, and Andy (Kendal) Henderson; 26 great-grandchildren, and four great great-grandchildren.

HOUSTON HAM DODSON

Mr. Houston Ham Dodson, age 65, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

At his request, there will be no formal services.

Survivors include his daughter: Jennifer (David) Martin, Enterprise, Ala.; a sister: Sherry Young, Elba, Ala.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews, and fishing buddies.

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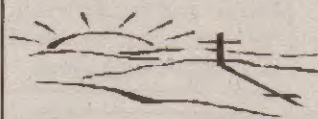
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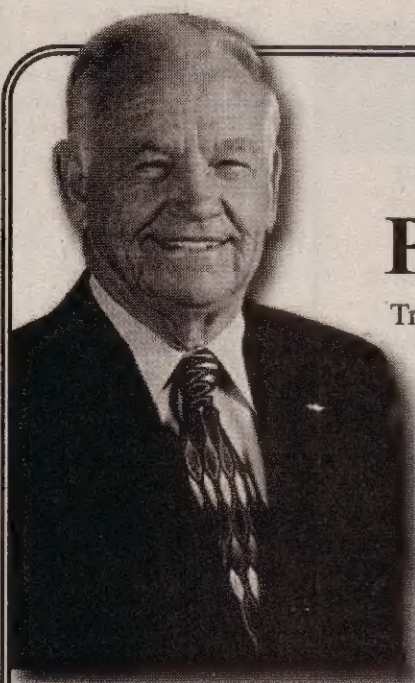
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LIFESTYLES



Allison Brunson and Jeffrey Branton

Formal wedding ceremony for couple set for Sept. 15th in Dothan, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes of Millbrook, Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Brunson of Elba, Alabama, announce the marriage of their daughter, Allison, to Jeffrey Branton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rogers of Cowarts, Alabama, and the late Mr. Tommy Branton of Taylor, Alabama.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary P. Young, Montgomery, Texas, and the late Fred William Young, Elba, Alabama, and the late Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brunson Sr., of Elba, Alabama.

Allison is a 2005 graduate of Elba High School. She graduated Lurleen B. Wallace Community College with a degree in office administration. Currently she is employed in Dothan, Alabama as a mortgage loan processor.

The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Addis W. Ketcham of Columbia, Alabama, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Chester Branton of Taylor, Alabama.

Jeff is a 2000 graduate of Ashford Academy. After graduation, he continued his education at Troy University of Dothan and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in computer information systems. Currently he is employed as an infrastructure engineer in Dothan, Alabama.

The formal wedding is planned for Saturday, September 15, 2018, at 5:00 in the afternoon at Magnolia Bay, Dothan, Alabama. The reception will follow immediately after the ceremony.

Formal invitations will follow.

C.C. Conservation District set to hold monthly meeting

The Coffee County Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting Wednesday, April 11, at 10 a.m., at the Alabama Forestry Commission, 1155 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

Annual Brunson Reunion set for April 21 in Elba

The annual Brunson Reunion will be held Saturday, April 21, in Elba at noon and again at the pavilion on Brunson Farms. All family members are urged to attend this long running event.

Coffee County Arts Alliance Piney Woods Arts Festival Entertainment Schedule

Saturday April 7, 2018

Time	Group	Contact
9:00-9:30 AM	Holly Hill Echoes	Jennifer Mosley
9:30-10:00	Hillcrest Choir	Ms Sara McLendon
10:00-11:00	MojuKai Karate	Lennis Darby
11:00-12:00	Hwy 40 Band	Mickey German
12:00 -12:30	Straughn FFA String Band Set UP	Taylor Weeks
12:30-1:30	Straughn FFA String Band Set UP	Taylor Weeks
1:30-2:00	Sound Scape Set UP	Matt Dowling
2:00-3:00	Soundscape	Matt Dowling
3:00-4:00	Halle Nolan	Greg Nolan
4:00-5:00	Hollaway-Brown	Donnie Brown

Sunday April 8, 2018

Time	Group	Contact
1:00-3:00	St. Luke Praise Band	Adele Fridgen
3:00 -4:00	Brison Storey	Brad Story

Piney Woods Arts Festival set for this weekend in Enterprise

The 44th Piney Woods Arts Festival - *A Juried Arts and Crafts Show* - is Saturday, April 7, and Sunday, April 8, on the running track at Enterprise State Community College.

This is a fun family event. The event will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on April 7th and from 12 noon until 4 p.m. on April 8th.

One of the oldest juried arts and crafts shows in the area, Piney Woods features original art and crafts by approximately 100 artists, a children's fun center, food and entertainment and a Civil War Living Display. The Weevil City Cruisers Car and Truck Show is Saturday only across campus from the arts festival.

Admission to the festival and car show is free.

For information, call 334-406-2787 or visit www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com

Below is the information about each artist's work --

• Duane Larson. The festival is dedicated this year to Duane Larson, a bird carver who been an artist at Piney Woods since 1985. Duane estimates he has carved more than 2000 birds. The images attached are a Woodcock and a photo of him carving.

• Kathy Bowdoin. Handcrafted original jewelry with

gemstones, crystals, pearls, therapeutic beads and magnetic snaps.

• Larry & Diana Carby. Hand cut cabochons set in sterling silver and wire-wrapped in sterling silver or gold-filled wire as pendants and earrings. Made from rock, fossils, shells.

• Frank Gee. The world of nature provides the subject matter for all of Frank's art. His Gyoatoku (fish rubbings), bird and flower paintings are real & captivating. Uses watercolor and acrylics.

• Myra Miller (Chibi Charm Custom). Handmade polymer clay charms from popular geeky culture done in the Japanese Kawaii style.

• Lynn Koning. Handmade pottery.

• Jarrod Alberich. Mixed media "Yard Sale Artist" and comic book creator.

• Carol McCrady. Specializes in Celtic and Renaissance style religious watercolor painting on handcrafted papyrus.

• Rosilyn Holladay. Mediums including: acrylics, watercolor, black & white ink and mixed media. Does abstracts and themes inspired by the Wiregrass area.

• Katie Hughes. Predominantly works in acrylics, but also does pencil and charcoal portraits.

• Renee Peyregne. Works in medium & heavy body acrylics. Paints still life and landscapes.

• Robert McBroom. Functional and decorative wood items created on a lathe.

• Jonathon Rudloff. Garden pottery.

• Kelly Martin Strange. Handmade wooden toys, American folk toys, roll toys, bows & arrows, swords & shields and boomerangs.

• Melanie McClellan. Handmade American Girl and Barbie doll clothes.

• Mark Caldwell of Southern Sun Metals. Copper insects, frogs, hummingbirds, fish & flowers.

• Lindsay Farms. Southern gourmet food products: salsas, jams, preserves, relishes, BBQ sauces.

Coffee County Relay for Life to honor cancer survivors on Friday, April 20th

As part of the 26th annual Coffee County Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society, all cancer survivors are invited to participate in several special activities during Relay for Life week.

The Coffee County Relay for Life activities begin Friday, April 20, at 7:30 a.m. at the Enterprise First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on North Main Street. Survivors will be given a Relay for Life t-shirt upon entering the fellowship hall for the breakfast celebration.

Prior to Friday night's Relay for Life opening ceremonies at the Enterprise Ozark Community College track, all cancer survivors are asked to wear their t-shirts and gather on the bleachers in front of the

grand stand for a group picture at 5:45 p.m. The Relay for Life Team #1 is the cancer survivor team and all survivors are invited to participate with this team.

All survivors and their families are invited to walk the first lap of the Relay for Life opening. After the first lap, an evening meal will be provided under the survivor tent.

At 9 p.m., there will be a special Luminaria/Torch ceremony.

Cancer survivors who would like to participate in the activities are asked to call Linda Andress at 334-313-6497 or email Charlene Goolsby at csgoolsby@centurytel.net.

Letters with response cards will be mailed the first week of April.

Registration and Picture Day for Miss Elba Pageants set for Saturday, April 7

The 2018 Miss Elba Pageants registration and picture day is set for Saturday, April 7, at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, 329 Putnam Street in Elba.

Contestants must register and turn in entry fee by Saturday, April 7, in order to participate in this year's pageants.

Registration at 3 p.m. will be for Future Little Miss [5-6 years]; Little Miss [1st grade]; Junior Miss [9th-10th grades]; and Miss [17-21 years].

Registration at 4 p.m. will be for Baby Miss [0-18 months]; Toddler Miss [19-36 months]; and Tiny Miss [3-4 years]; Petite Miss [2nd-3rd grades]; Young Miss [4th-6th grades]; and Teen Miss [7th-8th grades].

To register early or for more information, contact Lauren Davis at (334) 282-4897 or misselbapageants@gmail.com.

"Three on a String" returns to We Piddle Around Theater next Friday, April 13th

The Brundidge Historical Society will present "Three on a String" in concert at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge.

Tickets are \$25 and will include the pre-show, the award-winning trio of four and a barbecue supper. Tickets for "Three on a String" on April 13 at the We Piddle Around Theater are available by calling 334-344-9427, 344-0639 or 670-6302.

"Three on a String" will be back by popular demand

and for one night only. The "trio" of Jerry Ryan, Bobby Horton, Brad Ryan and Andy Meginniss is the most entertaining bunch of musicians, singers and humorists

that one will ever see on stage.

Their show is a variety show with music, stories and antics that will make all laugh until cheeks hurt. "Three on a String" might take one back to his/her high school days, a tent revival or a patriotic rally on the town square.

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Based on John 20:19-31

I hope you had a great Easter celebration this past Sunday. We traditionally respond to Easter with flowers, music, egg hunts, candy and large meals. However, The Disciples responded to The Resurrection in fear. This Sunday's Gospel lectionary passage recounts a story of Jesus' followers hiding out in fear for their lives. Jesus appears to them (apparently walking through a solid wall) encouraging them to live in peace, to live in The Holy Spirit and to live lives of forgiveness.

Even though Jesus was standing right in the midst of all of them, Thomas (and probably the others) had a hard time believing. The past week had been an overwhelming, emotional rollercoaster full of highs and lows. I am sure it was difficult to know what was real and who could be depended on.

Jesus also tells us to help bring about peace, give forgiveness, remain in The Holy Spirit and to BELIEVE! These are easy to say, but difficult to live. Fear is a powerful hindrance to our faith. Fear keeps us bound to doubt, self-reliance and hatred. In order for us to live as resurrected people then we must respond to fear: "GET OUT OF MY WAY!" We must greet peace with a "WELCOME! PLEASE COME IN!" We too must practice forgiveness as we begin to live more and more in the light of Christ. Let's not let Christ's life, death and resurrection be a passing moment but be a constant inspiration to live courageous lives in a world of fear.

Grace and Peace to You!

Youngsters enjoy Easter Egg Hunt at Basin Baptist Church



Above, the hunt is on for all the candy-filled Easter eggs at the Basin Baptist Church Easter Eggstravaganza last Saturday afternoon. Below left, Ethan Nakamura, Evan Hilburn and Levi Daniels had their game faces on for the egg hunt, and below right, the kiddos also got to enjoy a surprise visit by the Easter Bunny!



Toddlers Robert Grantham (above) and Lily Daniels (below) enjoyed hunting eggs!



CHURCH NEWS

Annual Choir Day planned for Sunday, April 8, at Oak Grove Baptist Church

Annual Choir Day for Oak Grove Baptist Church, located at Danley Cross Road, Elba, Ala., is set for Sunday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m.

The theme is "Every Praise is to Our God". Everyone is welcome to attend.

Historic cemetery marker to be unveiled April 13th at Elba's Evergreen Cemetery

An Alabama Historical Commission Cemetery Marker will be unveiled Friday, April 13, at 11 a.m., at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, beside the recently restored 109-year-old summer house.

This date will be exactly 165 years after Elba became an incorporated city.

Harris Temple set to host annual conference

The Brewton District of the COGIC annual conference will be April 10-13th at Harris Temple COGIC, 747 Adams Ave, Elba, Ala. Services will begin at 7:30 nightly with District Institute at 7 p.m. The guest

speakers will be Elder Jamel Strong, Superintendent Anthony Wheeler, Evangelist Sheila Gunter, and Superintendent John Grayson.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Round and About
With Eria's Daughter



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Scripture: The joy of forgiveness (Psalm 32: 1-11) Thank You Jesus

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

New Glorious Church Family, NLC Mt. Holly Church, NLC Carlisle Church, Georgia Nelson, Emily Newman, Jeanette Barns Siler, Michael Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. De-Nard Brooks, Lucille Wade, Mitchell/Burks Families

March Birthdays / Anniversaries

Michael A. Smith 3/14
Marion/Joyce Jones 3/15 (W.A.)
Jerri Smith 3/16
Freddie Robinson 3/16
Mark Whitfield 3/16
Paula Eliard 3/16
Patricia Waters Holloway 3/17 (in memory)
Freda Hooks 3/17
Jimmy/Samella Edwards 3/18 (W.A.)
Trinity Bryant 3/18
Cicero Henderson 3/18 (in memory)
Demetris Williams 3/19
Tina Hunter 3/19

** Washing Our Feet

We do set a good example most of the time, don't we? But did you, today or yesterday or last week, stumble into some small wrong? Even Jesus' dearest disciples did that. On the eve of the day of His death they lapsed into selfish wrangling (Luke 22:24). Jesus rebuked them with an object lesson for all ages. He, the Lord and Master, took a basin of water and took the place of a lowly slave as He washed their dirty feet (John 13: 1-17). When we came to the Lord, God washed away our sins and made us clean (Acts 22:16). Yet we walk in an unclean world and dirty ourselves with small wrongs. Even so, God is still ready to wash us: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteous-

ness" (1 John 1:9). As God set an example of service to us, let us set an example as well.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 3-29-18

Q: How many Priest were to circle the city of Jericho? (7), (4) or (5)

A: According to the book of Joshua, seven priests circled the city. (read Joshua 6:4)

Thought to Remember

God wants full custody not just weekends

Multiple Choice

Question for the Week of 4-5-18

Q: Seven Priests circled the city of Jericho. What did they carry? (plates), (broom), or (Rams horns)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue
Benefit BBQ for Weed Community Cemetery set for Saturday, April 14

A benefit BBQ for the Weed Community Cemetery will be held Saturday, April 14, at Weed Church from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. All proceeds will go into the Cemetery Upkeep Fund.

There will be BBQ pork and chicken plates available. All donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information, call Billy Jones at 334-714-4361 or Larry Hudson at 334-342-8954.

Church News
is due on
Monday!

Church Directory

<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST Rev. Remonia Smith Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills-Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Diana White, Pastor Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m. Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Dale Morgan-Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EATON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Rev. David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner-Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Michael Woodham, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Michael Lawler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning . . . 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH. Overseers - Bro Billy Berry Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meetings . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Bro. Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service . 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Ben Posey, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH Olan Strickland-Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Kevin Byrd Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Linda Williams, Pastor Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Even. . . 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Elder James Starks Jr - Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Wed . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Shane Thompson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser - Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Lorearl Flowers, Minister Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor - Lee Jones Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON Terry McCrummen Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PRaise & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Rev. Roy L. Turner, pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE A.M.E. Rev. James Redding, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. 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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BENNIE L. SCHOFIELD, DECEASED

CASE NO.: PC-2018-023

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Faulkner University set to offer annual Great Summer program to high schools

Faulkner University and the Great Books Honors program are offering Great Summer again to Alabama high schools this summer from July 6-14.

A summer program designed for qualified high school students, Great Summer is a week-long study in liberal arts where participating students will get a chance to gain first-hand cultural experiences. They will spend a week experiencing local Montgomery attractions like the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, the Alabama Civil Rights Museum, downtown Montgomery and Riverfront Park along with reading classical works, participating in round-table discussions, film reviews, a service project and more.

Students will also be able to earn three hours of college credit by participating. "Great Books Honors at Faulkner University considers a person as an end in him or herself," said Dr. Andrew Jacobs, director of Great Book Honors. "The statement means that our

main motivation in inviting someone to the Great Summer program is to simply enjoy that person's company and engage in charitable discussion of some of the most powerful works of literature from Western Civilization. We believe that God has created us with the desire and ability to know, to learn about Him, each other and the world around us and one of the best ways to pursue such enrichment is sitting around a table with a group of friends and good book."

Go online to register before May 31 at <http://greatbooksgreatsummer.myfaulkner.org/inquiryform>

Curriculum: Students will spend the week reading and discussing selections from various classical works of literature. The curriculum will provide a mini-version of the traditional Great Books course sequence, where students will focus on authors from the ancient world to the modern period, from Plato and Aristotle to C.S. Lewis,

Friedrich Nietzsche, Flannery O'Connor, and Jean-Paul Sartre and participate discussion-driven, not lecture-driven class sessions with the instructor taking the role of a guide or mentor. The books and the students' questions concerning the books take center stage. Students will develop the ability to ask keen interpretive questions of a text and dig deeper into its meaning.

Registrant information: Great Summer is open to high school juniors and seniors, with the following conditions:

- A minimum composite score of ACT 21 or SAT 980 (Reading and math)
- A cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 (on a 4-point scale)
- A letter of recommendation from an English instructor

Cost: Total cost for the event is \$600, which covers room and board, admission to various evening activities, and three hours of college credit.

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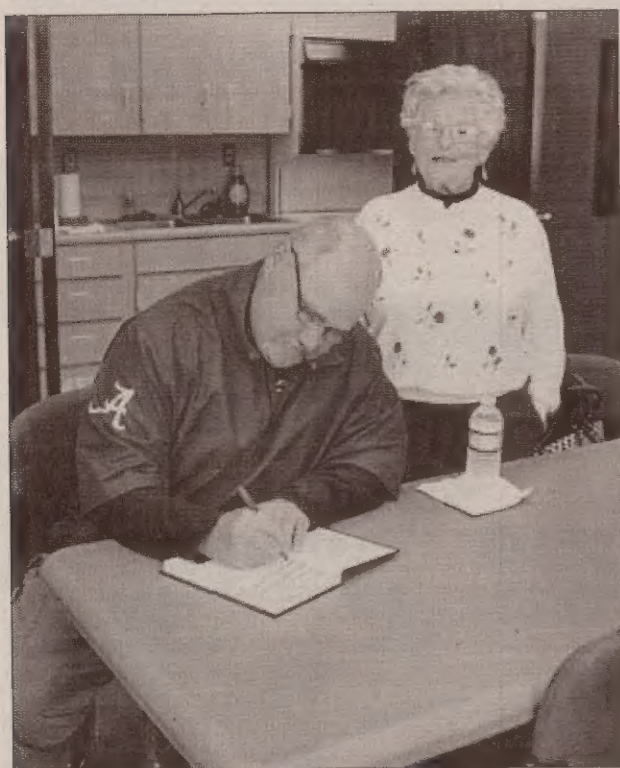
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COMMUNITY NEWS



BOOK SIGNING AT THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY...On Wednesday, March 21, author Kyle Mooty (right photo) and Elba's Johnny Dyess (left photo) signed copies of Mooty's recently published book, "New Set of Downs," which chronicles the highs and lows Dyess' life, a former University of Alabama football player. Each is shown above with adoring fans during the book signing event at the Elba Library.



Michael Johnson enters race for Alabama Secretary of State

Marshall County Revenue Commissioner Michael Johnson announces his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Alabama Secretary of State, seeking to unseat incumbent John Merrill.

The Republican primary will be held Tuesday, June 5.

"I was approached to run for office because there were individuals and groups with grave concerns who were seeking a candidate," Johnson said. "This made me realize it was my duty to step up and that I could not complain unless I was willing to be part of the solution."

As Secretary of State, Johnson looks forward to:

- Applying his considerable technical and administrative experiences in a non-partisan, politically neutral manner to an office that is vital to the citizens, businesses and government of Alabama;
- Preventing domestic and international interference with Alabama elections through improved security processes;
- Ensuring fair, impartial and consistent administration of the Code of Alabama for every citizen in the state;
- Helping build Alabama's reputation with outside investors by ensuring the Secretary of State's office functions with utmost transparency and is held to the highest standard of integrity;
- Collaborating with and supporting Alabama's Registrars, Probate Judges, Circuit Clerks, Sheriffs, Economic Development groups and schools to support their missions, initiatives and projects.

In electing Johnson to Secretary of State, the voters would be getting directly applicable experience, in Information Technology, specifically expertise with the IBM AS/400 (iSeries) midrange, the computer system on which the Secretary of State's office currently operates.

Johnson says, "In spite of the fact that this is an elected position it is a position which requires administrative and technical expertise. Applying these as Marshall County Revenue Commissioner has been incredibly rewarding."

Johnson earned both of his business degrees; Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration at Auburn University and both also included concentrations in Information Systems.

Johnson began his career as a Systems Analyst at Auburn University Alumni Association. He then worked with IBM in Lexington, Kentucky, as a contractor, assisting in the development of a proprietary software. Following IBM Johnson accepted a position with the North Slope Borough in Barrow,

Alaska. He served as Systems & Security Analyst and programmer for the Borough until becoming the development lead for the Tax Division. After returning to Marshall County, Johnson served as Director of Senior Services for the City of Albertville until his successful run for Marshall County Revenue Commissioner in 2014.

Concerning his role as Revenue Commissioner Johnson emphasizes the breadth of impact the office has on every municipality, school district, civil service and resident of Marshall County, Alabama's 13th largest county.

"We have been able to streamline processes for the benefit of the people of Marshall County, as well as strengthen the relationships between the office and other agencies," he said. "It has been gratifying to help clarify the administration of state law and ensure its equitable application."

As the chief elections official the Secretary of State has the tremendous task of remaining impartial.

"It is more than just certifying votes. Beyond the critical interest of the voters, the integrity of our elections in Alabama is vital to demonstrating credibility so that businesses can be confident in investing in our state," Johnson said. "If we're going to say we're open for business, let's show we know how to run our own business."

Of entering the race the within the last few days of qualifying Johnson said, "the urgency of the request to run really made an impression on me. My wife and I discussed the difficulties of entering a race so late in the game. The greatest challenge has been honoring my commitment to Marshall County as Revenue Commissioner while dedicating any available time to campaigning. People along the trail have been incredibly encouraging. I have been reminded how lucky we are to be Alabamians."

In a nod to the compressed schedule of his campaign, Johnson says, "we are taking advantage of every opportunity we can get to visit as many areas as possible."

"Even though I was approached so late in the election cycle, the urgency of the request made it clear that an alternative candidate was needed," he said. Johnson continues, "Under better circumstances, my goal would be to strike a balance between the tasks I'm required to perform within the office itself, and the requirement to maintain a relationship with voters in all the counties in Alabama."

Johnson and his wife of 32 years, the former Kay McElrath, grew up in Marshall County.

Olympic gold medalist teams up with Alabama AG to encourage teens to say "no" to underage drinking

Attorney General Steve Marshall and Olympic gold medalist Summer Sanders have teamed up to raise awareness of "Alcohol Responsibility Month," through a public service announcement released by the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility.

In the PSA, Attorney General Marshall and Sanders encourage parents to have conversations with their kids and teens about saying "no" to underage drinking. In total, attorneys general from 21 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico participated in the PSAs highlighting Responsibility.org's Ask, Listen, Learn: Kids and Alcohol Don't Mix program.

"I applaud the work of Responsibility.org in engaging parents and teens

in conversations about underage drinking," said Attorney General Marshall. "Parents and other family members have a tremendous impact on the choices of young people and there is no time like the present to start talking with teens about the destructive path of underage drinking. I am proud to join Summer Sanders in helping raise awareness of this vital issue here in Alabama."

"I'm thrilled to be a part of Responsibility.org's Ask, Listen, Learn team," said Sanders, who won two gold medals, one silver and a bronze in the 1992 Olympic swimming competition. "As an Olympian and a mother of two, I'm keenly aware of how important it is to make the right choices, be a positive role model, and have meaningful conversations with

my kids. I hope these PSAs will remind parents that they are the biggest influence in their kids' decision to drink—or not to drink—alcohol and just how important it is to talk to them about underage drinking."

In the PSA, Attorney General Marshall encourages parents to begin talking with kids about alcohol because underage drinking is illegal, unhealthy and negatively affects their developing brains. In addition, these talks are shown to be effective.

From 2003 to 2016, conversations between kids and their parents increased 73 percent. Since the inception of Ask, Listen, Learn, underage drinking has decreased 40 percent, according to the 2017 Monitoring the Future study. While this is a major

improvement—underage drinking is at a record low—there is still work to be done.

"It was truly a pleasure working with Summer Sanders and so many of our country's attorneys general in our longstanding joint effort to combat underage drinking," said Ralph Blackman, president and CEO of Responsibility.org. "There is no better time than April—Alcohol Responsibility Month—to jumpstart conversations about making smart choices. We hope these PSAs will encourage parents to start the conversation about alcohol responsibility early, and continue it often, with their kids."

Red Cross blood drive set for April 13 in Kinston, Ala

Though spring has officially arrived, the American Red Cross blood supply is still recovering from severe winter storms in March.

Donors of all blood types are urged to roll up a sleeve and help save lives.

Winter weather in parts of the country forced more than 270 blood drives to cancel, resulting in over 9,500 uncollected blood and platelet donations in the first two weeks of March. No matter the weather, the need for blood to help cancer patients, those undergoing surgeries, trauma patients and others remains.

Volunteer blood donors from across the country are needed to help ensure life-saving blood products are available for patients this spring. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming local blood donation opportunity:
• Kinston, AL
4/13/2018: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Kinston High School, 201 College St.

'Alabama Goes Teal' campaign raises awareness of sexual violence

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly one in five women and one in 71 men reported experiencing rape at some time in their lives. Approximately two out of three sexual assaults are not reported to police, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

Sexual violence is a devastating national and statewide problem that impacts the lives of many women, men, and children each year. Nationally, every 98 seconds someone in the United States is sexually assaulted. In Alabama, 5.4 rapes are reported daily.

Sexual violence is not only a health concern, but it also greatly impacts the economy. According to a study conducted by the CDC, the combined direct

and indirect costs of sexual violence in the United States were estimated to be \$3.1 trillion over the lifetime of all victims. This estimate includes medical costs, lost work productivity for victims and perpetrators, criminal justice activities, and property loss or damages. Approximately \$1 trillion of the costs are paid by the government.

In the United States, April has been designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The month is dedicated to raising public awareness about sexual violence and educating communities on how to prevent it. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is partnering with the Alabama Coalition Against Rape (ACAR) to unveil Alabama's own campaign,

"Alabama Goes Teal," to increase statewide awareness about sexual violence and to engage the general public regarding prevention options and victim services.

On April 13, employees of ADPH and others are invited to wear teal in observance of "Alabama Goes Teal."

"The observance is a great way to raise awareness, provide resources for help, and educate the community," Kimberly Love, executive director of ACAR, said. "'Alabama Goes Teal' will be a reminder to victim survivors that they are not alone and a clarion call to the community that we must eradicate sexual violence in Alabama."

Help is available for victims of sexual violence. In addition to contacting a law enforcement agency and seeking help at a hospital, victims can contact one of the rape crisis centers in their area or call 1-800-656-4673 (HOPE) to be connected to the nearest center.

Extension Office offers Smart Yard series

Join the Coffee County Extension office in New Brockton, Ala. each Wednesday in April (4th - 25th) from 9-11 a.m. for home landscape tips.

Each week of the Smart Yards series will feature a topic timely to the lawn and garden needs. Learn the best management practices that will save time and help create an ideal landscape. Topics in the Smart Yard series include lawn weed control, adding color to the landscape, vegetable gardens, and managing wildlife in the landscape.

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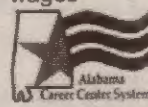
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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our little grandson Lawson really didn't seem too thrilled about hunting Easter eggs on Sunday afternoon, but he was genuinely excited about finding a game for one of his game systems in a basket while visiting his grandparents. I guess hunting eggs does grow old as youngsters age, but getting goodies is always fun!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers will swing back into action* this week and are ready to add some more wins to their total as the season begins to head down the homestretch. The Tigers proved they could win and play solid defense in their recent win over Red Level, and maybe the spring break will breath new life into the Tigers and help them as they battle for a playoff berth.

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers will also head back to the field* this week and in the days to come faces some key area contests. The Lady Tigers posted one of their biggest wins ever in a victory over Trinity, of Montgomery, at a tournament before the break, and should be brimming with confidence as they head into the final month of the regular season.

*** *With the baseball season heading into the home-stretch* it looks like the New Brockton Gamecocks and Brantley Bulldogs are well on their way to wrapping up area titles, while the Kinston Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Rebels also have excellent chances of making it to the post-season party, which means all the baseball teams in the area should have some exciting days ahead. Over in softball, the Brantley Lady Bulldogs are only getting better and better and appear to be a solid favorite to claim their fourth state title in the last five years, while Kinston has already wrapped up its area title and the homefield advantage in the playoffs, and both Zion Chapel and New Brockton are solid teams and have to be looking forward to getting into the area wars.

*** *The Major League Baseball season is underway* and the Atlanta Braves are off and running with two wins in their opening three games. The Braves are still a long way from being a title contender, but looked pretty good last week and look like a team that won't lay down for anyone in the league. I read an article over the weekend about the salaries of the Braves for the 2018 season, and learned that Freddie Freeman will make a cool \$21.3 million for the season, followed by Nick Markakis at \$11 million and Julio Teheran at \$8.1 million. Ender Inciarte and Tyler Flowers should have a comfortable year since they are both pulling in over \$4 million for the season, while poor A.J. Minter. Sean Newcomb and Ozzie Albies are among the Braves that will make the MLB minimum wage of just \$555,000 for the year. If you wonder why tickets cost so much or a soft drink will cost you \$5, just look at the salaries.

*** *In closing....* The Elba Tigers of new head coach Pate Harrison announced last week that they would host Samson in a spring game in May. Coach Harrison originally stated the Tigers might host an intra-squad game, but apparently decided they would make more money with an actual opponent. I for one will be anxious to watch the 'new edition' Tigers in action. A spring match-up against former cross-county rivals New Brockton or Zion Chapel may have been a little more interesting for the fans, but Samson should be a good team and will test the Tigers.

Wright earns 'All-State' honors

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2018 "All-State" high school basketball teams recently and included on the list was Elba Tiger standout Alex Wright.

Wright, a 6-6, junior, earned second team honors after averaging 11.2 points, 12.5 rebounds and 2.1 blocks a game during the season and helped lead the Tigers to the South Region basketball tournament.

A total of 15 girls and 16 boys from the area earned spots on the annual all-state squad, including nine players that earned first team honors.

Ashford standout LaDarius Knight, Georgiana sensation Ja'Michael Stallworth, and Houston Academy hotshot Srdjan Petrovic were all named to the first team, while girls that earned the honor included River Baldwin, Pleasant Home; LaTascya Duff, Samson; Bree Griffin, Goshen; Alexis Leggett, Ariton; Maori Davenport, Charles Henderson; and, Joiner Hughes, of Abbeville Christian.

The eight boys named to the second team included McKenzie's Quindario Lee,

Andalusia's B.J. Anderson, Eufaula's Tyler Mayo, Pike County's Jahzarian Lampley, Goshen's Michael Hollis, Elba's Alex Wright, Lakeside's Isaac Paige, and Northside Methodist's Gunnar Clayton.

The three girls named to the second team were Eufaula's Rachel Johnson, Charles Henderson's Niara Jones and Geneva County's Karoline Striplin.

Eight players earned third team honors, including six girls. The honorees included Dothan's Kyra McGlon, Carroll's Tiara McLeod, Eufaula's Kaitlin Peterson, Ashford's Iiyonnah Frazier, Straughn's Allie Kelley, and Geneva County's TaMya Hilliard.

The two boys named to the third team were Abbeville's Jaquon Kinney and Ariton's Andrew Wheeler.

Area players that received honorable mention included (boys) Dallas Howell, Enterprise; KShun Stokes, Headland; Andres Burney, Pike County; Zydarien Brown, Houston County; Marcus McKay, Abbeville Christian; and, (girls) Precious Vaznaian, Pike County.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs post five wins at Gulf Coast Classic

The top-ranked Brantley Lady Bulldogs competed at the Gulf Coast Classic softball tournament over spring break and posted five wins in three days in the prestigious event.

The Lady Bulldogs opened pool play and needed only four innings to post an 8-0 win over Thomasville. Emory Bush had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 2 runs with a double and a triple to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Olivia Jones added 1 hit and 3 rbi's and Lainey Wells added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Leanna Johnson pitched a four-inning shutout and allowed only two hits with five strikeouts.

The Lady Bulldogs managed only one hit in a 2-0 pool play loss to Hazel Green. Olivia Jones got the only Lady Bulldog hit, while Leanna Johnson allowed only three hits and no earned runs with six strikeouts inside the circle.

The Lady Bulldogs used a 3-run fourth inning outburst to break a 1-1 tie and bounced back with an impressive 4-1 pool play win over Hoover. Emory Bush, Gracie Free and Olivia Jones all recorded 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Leanna Johnson pitched five innings and allowed four hits with 11 strikeouts.

The Lady Bulldogs wrapped up pool play with a high scoring 11-7 win over Saint Camp, Tennessee, as they used a 7-run second inning to take the lead and held on late. Cassidy Wilcox had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 5 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs,

while Lainey Wells added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Emory Bush added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Hannah Sims added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Lauren Hudson was the winning pitcher as she tossed 1 1/3 innings and scattered eight hits and four earned runs.

The Lady Bulldogs scored four runs in their final trip to the plate to open elimination play with an exciting 6-4 win over Hayden. Olivia Jones had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Emory Bush added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Anna Kimbro added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Leanna Johnson pitched four innings and allowed four hits, with five strikeouts.

The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and held on to stay alive with a 3-1 win over Prattville. Emory Bush had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Kayden Dunn added 1 hit and 1 rbi, Lainey Wells added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Hannah Sims added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Leanna Johnson pitched five innings and allowed three hits with eight strikeouts.

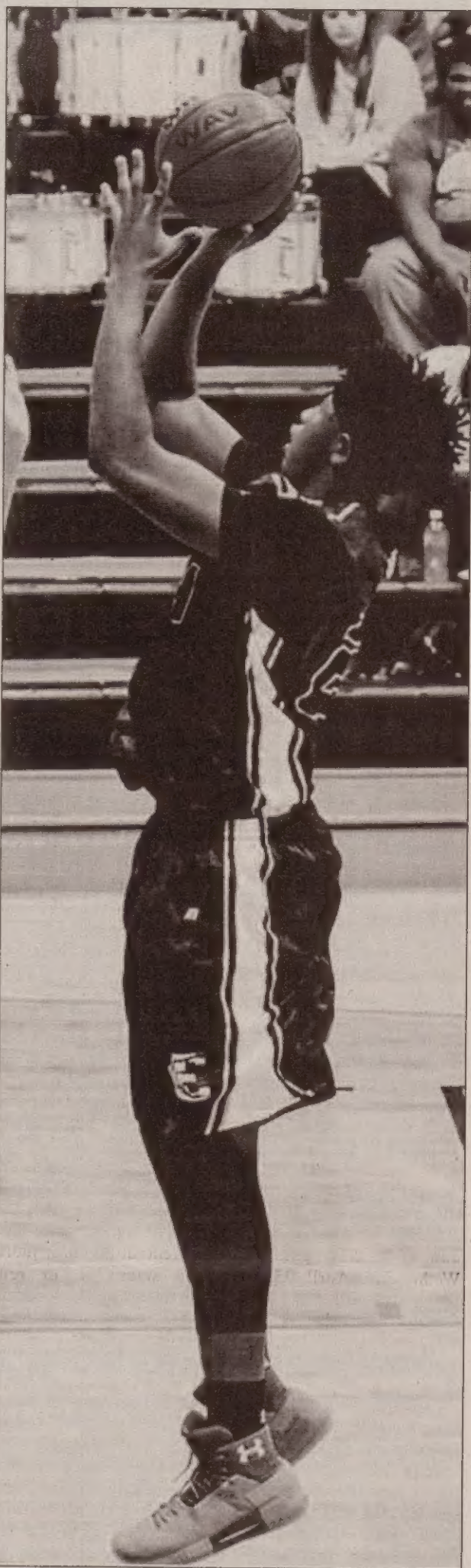
The Lady Bulldogs fell behind 2-0 early and saw a late rally fall short as they were eliminated in a 2-1 setback to Hazel Green. Anna Kimbro had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Emory Bush and Olivia Jones both added one hit. Leanna Jones pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed six hits with four strikeouts.

Two Tigers earn HM in Dothan Eagle Super 12 cage picks

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2018 "Super 12" selections in boys and girls high school basketball recently with two Elba Tiger juniors earning hon-

orable mention status.

The Tigers that were honored included 6-0 point guard Richmon Singletary and 6-6 center Alex Wright.



Elba Tiger Alex Wright.... was named second team All-State last week by the ASWA.

(Photo by Colby Capps)

* Baseball * Softball *

SCHEDULES

Thursday, April 5

(Baseball)

Elba at Samson
Houston Co. at Kinston
Red Level at Pl. Home
Georgiana at H. Home (2)
New Brockton at Zion Chapel
Goshen at Luverne (2)
Opp at Slocomb
Pike Co. at Daleville
Andalusia at Rehobeth
Enterprise at R.E. Lee (2)

(Softball)

Elba at New Brockton
Georgiana at Florala
Red Level at Pl. Home
Hillcrest at McKenzie
Luverne at Goshen
Opp at Slocomb
Ariton at Dale Co.
Straughn at Andalusia
Brantley at Rehobeth
Jeff Davis at Enterprise

Friday, April 6

(Baseball)

H. Home at Georgiana
Zion Chapel at New Brockton (2)
Brantley at Ariton (2)
Luverne at Goshen
Slocomb at Opp (2)
Daleville at Pike Co. (2)
Straughn at Andalusia
(Softball)
Pike Co. at Daleville
Ariton Tournament

Saturday, April 7

(Baseball)

Kinston at Houston Co. (2)
Enterprise at G.W. Long (2)

(Softball)

Ariton Tournament

Monday, April 9

(Baseball)

Brantley at Pl. Home
New Brockton at H. Home
McKenzie at Luverne
(Softball)
New Brockton at Elba
Goshen at Brantley
Greenville at G'giana
Kinston at Samson
Rehobeth at G.W. Long
Florala at Straughn

Tuesday, April 10

(Baseball)

Elba at Luverne
Florala at Houston Co.
Red Level at McKenzie
Brantley at Georgiana (2)
Straughn at Opp
Jeff Davis at Enterprise
(Softball)
Elba at Samson
Houston Co. at Florala
Red Level at McKenzie
G'giana at H. Home
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COMMUNITY NEWS



THAT WAS A GOOD CUPCAKE! John Anderson, son of Guy and Courtney Anderson, very much enjoyed his cupcake Saturday, March 31, at the Basin Baptist Church Easter Eggstravaganza [as shown by the icing left on his sweet face]. John attended the event with his grandmother, Tammy Mack, shown holding him.



Elba Elementary School excited to host Kindergarten Registration later in April

Elba City Schools announces its 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration!

Parents with a child turning 5-years-old or will turn 5-years-old by September 1, 2018, are encouraged to bring their child to Elba Elementary School between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, or Thursday, April 26th. Parents will complete enrollment paperwork, and each child will be able to meet a few staff members and be given a short assessment on basic kindergarten skills.

Each student enrolling in Elba City Schools for the first time will need the following provided by the parent/guardian at the time of registration:

1. Copy of child's birth certificate
2. Social security card (If a student does not have an SSN, a temporary number shall be assigned as specified by the ALSDE)
3. Up-to-date certificate of immunization
4. Proof of residency (Current utility bill, mortgage statement, or rent lease agreement)
5. Parent/Guardian picture ID
6. If Applicable: Proof of Custody/Guardianship – Custody papers may be required if the student doesn't reside with both birth parents.

For additional questions concerning kindergarten registration, call the principal or counselor at EES – (334) 897-2814.

LBWCC in Opp offering basic welding for the farm and home

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Opp is offering a Basic Welding for Farm and Home course on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., May 15 – June 14, 2018.

Classes will be held in the Welding Department on the MacArthur Campus.

The goal of this course is to provide students the opportunity to learn basic welding and cutting skills in order to complete minor repair and/or fabrication projects around the farm or home. The course includes instruction in basic MIG welding (GMAW), basic stick welding (SMAW), and basic oxyfuel cutting (OFC). Emphasis will be placed on individual student needs and assisting students in obtaining the desired basic skills that interest them most.

The cost of the course is \$295 per participant. Students will need to provide their own personal protective equipment and tools for this course. This includes: welding hood/helmet, safety glasses, welding gloves, cutting goggles, long sleeve shirt or leathers, long pants, leather boots or work shoes, chipping hammer, wire brush, and tape measure.

Space is limited. Students may register in person in the Student Services Office Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or

Friday 8 a.m. - Noon. For more information, contact (334) 881-2231 or nworley@lbwcc.edu.

Coffee County BOE seeks citizen input with superintendent survey

The Coffee County School Board is conducting a search for a new Superintendent of Education and solicits citizen input.

Visit the website www.coffeecountyschools.org and follow the link Superintendent Search Survey to participate. The

survey will close at 11 a.m., Monday, April 16, 2018.

Persons who do not have computer access will have the opportunity to provide input during a meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education on Thursday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. (Two-minute limit per person.).

Ricky Skaggs set to perform April 21st in Andalusia

Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder Band are coming to Andalusia on Saturday, April 21, for a fundraising event by the LBWCC Foundation.

Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder take the stage at 6 p.m. on April 21 at the Kiwanis Center Fairgrounds in Andalusia.

Gates open at 4:30 p.m. with local performers.

Tickets are \$25 in advance online at www.lbwcc.edu, \$35 at the gate, and \$75 preferred seating.

General admission ticket holders should bring a lawn chair for the outdoor performance. In case of

rain, the event will move inside.

LBWCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to support programs and scholarships at LBW Community College.

For more information, call 334-881-2248.



SENIORS ATTEND EVENT...Seniors from Coffee County's New Hope Senior Center [shown above] recently attended senior appreciation day in Andalusia, Ala. The seniors enjoyed food, dancing, skits, comedy, "shopping" and of course the door prizes!! The theme for the event was luau, and 18 seniors were in attendance from New Hope!

ZC Rebels claim big win over New Brockton in softball

The Zion Chapel Rebels varsity softball team defeated New Brockton 11-1 thanks to a timely nine runs in a big fifth inning.

Zion Chapel batters contributing to the big inning included Willow Johnson, Alanah Bunce, Kerry Hussey, Hannah Arnold, Ivey Amlong, and

Johnson, who each had RBIs in the inning.

The Rebels tallied nine runs in the fifth inning. Zion Chapel's big bats in the inning were led by singles from Hussey, Arnold, and Amlong, a triple by Johnson, a fielder's choice by Johnson, and a double by Bunce.

Lexy Rugg toed the rubber for the Rebels. She surrendered one run on three hits over five innings, striking out three.

Bailey Blackmon toed the rubber for New Brockton. She allowed eight hits and 11 runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out five.

Savannah Shelton went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Zion Chapel in hits. Jaylyn Baker got the Rebels on the board early with a two run homer.

The Rebels team did not commit a single error in the field. Amlong had the most chances in the field with four.



IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE AT COFFEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN ELBA...The overall improvements project for the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba continues this week as shrubs were being removed Monday, April 2, from around the building [as shown above] to make way for new landscaping. There also is ongoing work inside the building to make various improvements and upgrades to the building's appearance. This is all part of an investment made by the Coffee County Commission to bring the historic building into good shape and appearance.

New Brockton Alumni Association plans golf tournament for April 26th

The New Brockton High School Alumni Association will host a golf tournament on Thursday, April 26, at the Enterprise Country Club.

This will be a two-person scramble with registration

beginning at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served and cash prizes awarded.

Entry fee is \$75 with proceeds going to the Association's scholarship fund.

Farm City 'Real McCoy' luncheon set for April 27th in New Brockton

The Real McCoy's Farm-City Luncheon will be held Friday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m., at the Coffee County Complex Community Room, located at 1055 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL.

If planning to attend, call the Coffee County Extension Office by Wednesday, April 25, at 334 894-5596. This is one of several events hosted each year by the Coffee County Farm City Committee.

REMINDER:

The Giving Garden of Elba's Farmers Market and Spring Planting Day will be Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

This will be at the corner of Putnam Street and Claxton Avenue [by the historic Folsom Home and Elba Chamber of Commerce].

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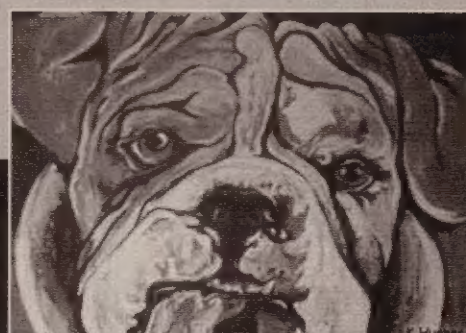
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COMMUNITY NEWS

TOWN (Continued from Page 1)

Jimmy Duke as interim chief of police for New Brockton.

Financial matters continue to look up for the town as city clerk Debbie Andrews said the general fund had a balance of \$173,005.53 at the end of March. She noted income for the month of March was \$49,086.66 with expenses of \$52,761.52.

Andrews estimated the month of April 'operating bills' to be \$19,373.18, and council members voted to allow her to pay these bills as they come in over the month.

Also during the meeting, council members cleaning out the old bay at the former town hall building and purchasing a new roll-off door to make way for a shelter for the senior center van. They also voted to spend \$5,620 to make needed repairs to the senior center building. The mayor said this would be a fix not a patch to the senior center.

The town council will conduct a work session on Monday evening, April 16, and the next town council meeting is set for Monday, May 7, at 6 p.m.

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matters when making a decision of this importance," she added. "Having worked in the Circuit Clerk's Office for 20 years, I have a wealth of knowledge and experience to draw from."

Cronk promises to maximize efficiency with experienced personnel and make greater use of current technology to combat problems in an office that has been devastated by lack of funding and layoffs.

"I fully understand the role and responsibility of the Clerk's Office as well as

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Coffee County EMA director James Brown speaks with Zion Chapel teachers and faculty following Monday's active shooter exercise. He explained the procedures for if the exercise had been a 'real world' incident, and asked for any feedback from the teachers and faculty on the exercise to help better prepare if an incident were to occur.

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sitivity, Lyons said there are three specific capabilities that were being tested through this exercise.

The exercise consisted of Incident Command, Controllers, Observers and Players.

Evaluators also played a role in the exercise and provided immediate feedback afterwards. Additionally, all participants provided feedback through a "Hot Wash" shortly after the exercise ended.

Next week EMA will hold a full After Action Report, which provides a summary of all feedback and details areas of

improvement as well as areas of strength.

Agencies and groups that participated in Monday's exercise included the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, Coffee County E911, Elba Police, Enterprise State Community College Safety and Security, Fort Rucker, Alabama EMA, Enterprise Police, Enterprise Rescue, Elba VFD, New Brockton VFD, Zion Chapel VFD, the Coffee County Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.), and members of the Zion Chapel School teachers and staff.



The Elba Police Department SRO also participated in Monday's active shooter exercise. This training proved beneficial for all local agencies and schools. Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley was in attendance as an observer for the training exercise.



Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley at the safety briefing prior to the active shooter exercise Monday morning.



Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton also addressed the Zion Chapel teachers and faculty following Monday's active shooter training exercise. He explained the importance of such training to help ensure the safety of all children and teachers in Coffee County.



All law enforcement involved in Monday's active shooter training exercise at Zion Chapel School entered a "hotwash" discussion immediately after the exercise concluded. This was to allow them to discuss right away, while it was fresh on their minds, things that went well or could have been done better during the exercise.



Coffee County SRO arrives on scene and exits vehicle for active shooter training exercise at Zion Chapel School.



Coffee County EMA deputy director Grant Lyons and Coffee County Sheriff's Office captain Michael Hines are shown at their post during the active shooter training exercise held Monday morning, April 2, at Zion Chapel School.

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